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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 33
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-34-13

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 33 modifies Emergency Order No. 2S-18-13, issued on July 21, 2013, which reduced legal gear to one set gillnet per permit, measuring no more than 35 fathoms in length, in the Northern District of Upper Cook Inlet beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, July 22, 2013.

Legal gear for that portion of the General Subdistrict of the Northern District, south of the Susitna River, will now be limited to no more than two set gillnets per permit, with the aggregate length not to exceed 70 fathoms, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2013 and from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2013. Legal gear in the remainder of the Northern District will be limited to no more than one set gillnet per permit, measuring no more than 35 fathoms in length, for both the August 1 and August 5 regular fishing periods.

Susitna River sockeye salmon were found by the Alaska Board of Fisheries to be a stock of yield concern. *The Susitna River Sockeye Salmon Action Plan* (SSSAP) directs ADF&G through 5AAC 21.358 *Northern District Salmon Management Plan* to conservatively manage the commercial fishery while research continues to better understand the productivity of this stock. The *Northern District Salmon Management Plan* states that from July 31 through August 6, the commissioner may allow the use of two nets in that portion of the General Subdistrict south of the Susitna River.